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SUBJ: LOPEZ STATE VISIT: US, LATIN AMERICA AND BICENTENNIAL

1. IN LONG CONVERSATION WITH PRES LOPEZ LAST NIGHT, HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT ALEJANDRE ORFILA WAS SAYING THAT DURING THE LOPEZ VISIT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD ANNOUNCE A CELEBRATION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL BY INVITING LA PRESIDENTS TO THE US NEXT YEAR. LOPEZ SAID THAT IF THIS WAS POPPED ON HIM IT WOULD BE EMBARRASING FOR HIM, AND HE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RESPOND.

2. LOPEZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE IDEA OF LINKING OUR BICENTENNIAL WITH LATIN AMERICA IN SOME WAY IS NOT A BAD IDEA, BUT HOW IT IS DONE IS IMPORTANT. IT SHOULD EMPHATICALLY NOT RPT NOT, HE SAID, BE BROACHED PUBLICLY AS A UNILATERAL US PROPOSAL OR IDEA. SOMEHOW IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS WERE TO BE DONE IT SHOULD BE MUTUALLY PROPOSED, OR EVEN LA-SUGGESTED. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT 200 YEARS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS A GREATER ACHIEVEMENT THAN LANDING ON THE MOON, AND THAT LA OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THIS. THERE WAS MUCH TO BE LEARNED IN THIS SENSE AND MUCH HEAT COULD PROVIDE THEMES FOR THE LA SYSTEM.

3. LOPEZ SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF ORFILA IS SIMPLY PROMOTING SOMETHING, OR IF THERE WAS SOME INTENTION ON OUR PART TO PROPOSE SOMETHING PUBLICLY USING THE VISIT AS A PEG. I TOLD HIM I WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT. HE ASKED ME WHEN HE WOULD

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SEE THE TEXTS OF WHAT PRES FORD PROPOSED TO SAY IN HIS STATEMENTS

AND TOASTS.

4. LOPEZ IS OBVIOUSLY A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT THIS STORY, BUT I NOTE HE IS ALSO REALLY VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ABOUT CONSIDERING SOME NEW VISION OR BOLD VENTURE. HE IS, HOWEVER, INSISTENT THAT IT MUST BE MUTUAL, AND NOT AGAIN A US DECLARATION "FOR" LATIN AMERICA. IN THIS CONNECTION PLEASE NOTZBEE TENOR AND THEME OF HIS REMARKS ON US-LATIN AMERICA RELATIONS IN HIS STATE OF THE NATION MESSAGE (BOGOTA 6821 OF 22 JUL 75).

5. CAN YOU TELL ME IF WE PLAN TO BROACH ANY SUCH IDEA? I ASSUME WE WILL FOLLOW THE USUAL PRACTICE OF EXCHANGING TEXT PRIOR TO THE VISIT SO THAT EACH WILL KNOW WHAT THE OTHER WILL SAY. WHEN? I AM TO HAVE LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK, PERHAPS WEDNESDAY, AND HE WILL WANT TO PURSUE THESE QUESTIONS. IF WE HAVE NOTHING LIKE THIS IN MIND, OUGHT WE TO? WOULD NOT LOPEZ BE A PERFECT PERSON TO PROPOSE SOMETHING? I HOPE TO PURSUE WITH HIM HIS PHILOSOPHICAL/CONCEPTUAL THOUGHTS PER PARA 2 ABOVE AND SEE WHAT SPECIFICALLY HE MAY SUGGEST. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS AND GUIDANCE.  
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